

Native American Indiana Affairs Commission
Wednesday, June 14, 2006
Eiteljorg Museum of American Indians & Western Art
Lilly Theater
500 W. Washington Street
Indianapolis, Indiana

Commission Members present: Reggie Petoskey, Terry Stuff, Dark Rain Thom, Clarence White, Ray Gonyea, Robert Shula, Rick Jones, Steve Hall, Brian Fahey, Jaime Haab for Sue Uhl, John Quick, Brian Buchanan, Senator John Waterman and Representative James Buck.

Commission Members not present: Nils "Buster" Landin and Jackie Cissell
Minutes taken by Marcia Gray, Dept. of Workforce Development.

- I. Meeting was called to order by Chairman, Chief Brian Buchanan at 1:15 p.m.
Noting of quorum.
Prayer was given by spiritual leader Clarence White followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.
- II. Introductions were made
- III. Agenda was approved after John Quick added the student project (data and number of students).
- IV. Minutes approval and discussion
 - a. By-Laws – Include original and change
- V. Announcements
 - a. Kelvin Sampson Reply – the note from Sampson was read. Monroe
 - b. The commission website is now up on DWD site. A special thanks to Robert Shula. The site will indicate approved and unapproved minutes, etc. The commission has requested a link from the DWD site because it's hard to find without the exact web address.
 - c. Invitation from IUPUI for NAIAC. Wesley Thomas, IU Grad student. FENCC.
 - d. Education Conference – IUPUI on Friday, September 29. Dr Brand will discuss mascot issue from 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm.
 - e. Indiana Market was announced by Sally Tuttle. She wants to suggest a commission booth and a sign will be designed and volunteers are needed to work the booth. A letter to the Tippecanoe Co. Commissioners asking for assistance with the sign is being spearheaded by Brian Fahey.
- VI. Organization of the Commission
 - a. Election of Co-Chairman. The floor opened for nominations. Chief Terry Stuff was nominated by Brian Fahey and Ray Gonyea was

nominated by Clarence White. The vote was tied at six each. It was decided to table the election until a later time.

b. Discussion on future meetings/places. It was decided that the place needs to be centrally located and be at a set time and place. The museum will be used and Ray Gonyea will work out the details. Refreshments would also be nice.

c. By-Laws –

- i. How do we establish committees? Brian Fahey discussed this – language needed to set up committee. Legal help will be needed.
- ii. Letters of Support – letters of support request/explanations
- iii. Public Participation – Town Hall Meeting for public input
- iv. Brian Buchanan will make badges. Cable companies – meeting notices, links to county sites.

VII. Topics of interest expressed to date

a. Historic registry/state recognition – report by Sen. John Waterman.

b. Bill for funding (license plate funds)

- i. Legislature will try to transfer money to commission
- ii. Money needed for printed materials or video
- iii. Budget task force needs to talk with Amy Mendoza about Hispanic Commission budget

c. Discussion about finding within the State of Indiana

- i. Request maps from pipeline companies
- ii. Religious needs of incarcerated native Americans
 1. Restrictions – safety and security
 2. Requests should go through Steve Hall
 3. Circles in each facility
 4. Ship in the spiritual leaders
 5. Reggie Petoskey, Clarence White, Terry Stuff and Steve Hall will meet to discuss prison issues

d. Report of Sachem

- i. Display at the state museum. Looking for a Native American wood carver to build cabinet to hold the Sachem Award.

VIII. Future Topics

a. Student Project – No Child Left Behind – How many in Indiana?

IX. Public Comments

a. Secretary of State – ID for voting – the commission needs to address this.

b. Clarence Pokegans – goes into prisons

Adjournment